

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 16 to 28, as follows:

a | Another embodiment, FIG. 14, is a 6-crown, 6-link partial stent pattern 710 with figure-eights 720. Like pattern 610, it is composed of one straight bar arm 750 and two non-linear bar arms 752 extending out from the upper and lower crests 746, 748 to form the figure-eight. Stent pattern 710 combines features of stent patterns 510 and 610. Pattern 710 uses the non-linear bar arms 752 to act as the links 754 between adjacent interior rings 740. Like stent pattern 510 however, the rings 741 at the end of stent 710 have their links 754 connected to an interior portion of the non-linear bar arm 752. Due to this unique configuration, the crests 746, 748 of the rings 741 in the interior of stent 710 are not connected circumferentially, but are connected longitudinally. Hence, the crests of the end rings 740 are connected both circumferentially to each other and longitudinally to the adjacent ring 740 of figure-eight elements. Although a straight link is used in this pattern, a non-linear link can also be used without compromising crimp profile.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add reference number "210" to FIG. 8.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22-29, without prejudice.